



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

All Department/District Heads

At its meeting held December 9, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“During the month of January 2004, many activities are being planned throughout Los Angeles County to focus attention on the importance of early detection and prevention of cervical cancer. Four years ago, the Department of Health Services’ Office of Women’s Health initiated the Cervical Cancer Prevention and Education Initiative to increase awareness that cervical cancer is preventable with routine Pap tests, increasing the number of women screened, lowering the stage at diagnosis, and increasing access to screening with follow-up and treatment by addressing barriers to care.

“The Board has taken an active leadership role in addressing the incidence of cervical cancer in the County by approving the Cervical Cancer Best Practices and Free Pap Test Friday pilot programs, partially funding the Cervical Cancer Prevention and Education Initiative (CCPEI), in conjunction with the California Endowment, and annually proclaiming January as ‘Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.’ During January 2004, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services’ Office of Women’s Health will be culminating the CCPEI multi-cultural, multimedia campaign begun two years ago by presenting the results of the campaign to elected officials and community partners at the fifth and final CCPEI Community meeting on January 15, 2004, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavillion.

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“Through hard work and determination, the Office of Women’s Health, elected officials and community partners have made a successful contribution towards raising awareness, increasing the number of women screened, and working towards cervical cancer prevention. We hope that the work we have begun will continue through the efforts of our community partners and that awareness about the prevention of cervical cancer will continue to grow.”

Merritt Holloway addressed the Board.

On motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Proclaimed January 2004 as “Cervical Cancer Awareness Month” throughout Los Angeles County in recognition of the Department of Health Services' Office of Women's Health completion of the Cervical Cancer Prevention and Education Initiative multi-cultural, multimedia outreach and education campaign, and many other activities that were implemented to increase awareness that cervical cancer is preventable with routine screening exams that lead to its early detection and treatment;
2. Encouraged all Department/District Heads to provide educational activities for department staff, coordinate and participate in community outreach activities, and provide screening exams for low-income women during January 2004 to increase awareness that cervical cancer is preventable with a routine Pap test;
3. Requested the Music Center to waive fees in amount of \$800.00, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for use of the Grand Hall at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on January 15, 2004, for the Cervical Cancer Prevention and Education Initiative Community Meeting;
4. Waived parking fees in amount of \$9,000.00 for an estimated 500 cars at the Music Center garage for attendees of the Community Meeting; and

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5. Instructed the Auditor-Controller to work with the Director of Health Services in making arrangements to provide Cervical Cancer Awareness Month information in the December 30, 2003, paychecks of all County employees.

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